APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 477 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 24th September 1958 page 598 supra.]

The following steps have been taken to control Filaria :—

Filariasis is prevalent fairly extensively in Chingleput, Tanjore and South Arcot districts and in moderate degree in the districts of North Arcot, Tiruchirappalli and Kanyakumari. Under the National Filaria Control Programme, four Filaria Control Units have been sanctioned. The State Government meet the expenditure on staff, contingencies, cost of laboratory equipment, materials, etc., and the Government of India supply free of charge insecticides, larvicides, transportation and spraying equipments. Each unit is intended to cover a population of three lakhs.

2. The control operations under the National Filaria Control Programme are designed to destroy the mosquitoes by anti-adult and anti-larval measures on the one hand and by destruction of the parasites in the infected persons by the administration of the drug Hetrazan, on the other hand. Each control area will be intensively operated on to secure interruption of transmission of filariasis.

3. The four control units are functioning at Kumbakonam (Tanjore district), Chingleput (Chingleput district), Vellore (North Arcot district) and at Chidambaram (South Arcot district).

The following statement shows the staffing of each unit :—

—	*Staff sanctioned for each unit.*	*Staff employed by the* Kumbakonam Control Unit.	Chingleput Control Unit.	Vellore Control Unit.	Chidambaram Control Unit.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1 Filaria Officer	1	1	1	1	1
2 Research Officer	1	1	1	*	*
3 Senior Entomologist	1	1	1	1	..
4 Health Inspectors	2	2	2	2	2
5 Laboratory Assistant	4	4	4	4	4
6 Upper Division Clerk	1	1	1	1	1
7 Typist	1	1	1	1	1
8 Drivers	2	2	2	1	1
9 Peons	5	5	5	4	3

*** Due to dearth of qualified and trained Health Officers, these posts have not been filled up.**

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4. The Filaria Control Unit functioning at Kumbakonam has carried out control measures in the urban and rural areas of Kumbakonam, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam. One round of spray operations was conducted in these areas. This unit has now covered a population of three lakhs. The Filaria Control Unit at Chingleput has carried out pre-control surveys, clinical enquiries, clinical survey, disease enquiry and collection of entomological data in 74 villages in Chingleput district. The Filaria Control Units functioning at Vellore and Chidambaram are conducting preliminary pre-control surveys. Control measures in these areas will be started in due course.

All affected areas in the State will be taken up by the **Filaria Control Units.**

